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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFO ON TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT

1. CENTRAL TENDERS BOARD IS EVALUATING TWO BIDS FOR POLES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS. SPECIFICATIONS OF TENDER CALL FOR POLE SHAFT OF TAPERED STEEL TUBES HAVING A TWELVE-SIDED CROSS SECTION WITH TAPER OF .14 INCHES PER FOOT OF LENGTH, SHAFT MATERIAL TO HAVE MAXIMUM YEILD OF 50,000 PSI. NUMEROUS OTHER DETAILS SPECIFIED; WE UNDERSTAND POLES DESCRIBED IN SPECIFICATIONS WERE ORIGINALLY MADE BY UNION METAL MANUFACTURING CO., AND ARE NOW MADE BY SKYLINE POLES, INC., OF FLINT, MICHIGAN.

2. THESE POLES HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY ONE BIDDER. ANOTHER BIDDER HAS OFFERED A NEW POLE, KNOWN AS A MONOTUBE TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE NOW NADE BY UNION METAL MANUFACTURING CO. TENDERS BOARD HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON COMPARATIVE QUALITY OF TWO POLES BEING OFFERED. CAN WASHINGTON PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON STANDARDS OF TWO ITEMS WHICH WOULD HELP THEM REACH A DECISION? INFO ON LIFE EXPECTANCY, STRESS (POLES SHOULD WITHSTAND WINDS UP TO 100 MPH), STRENGTH OF WELDS, BOLTS, ETC., AND ABILITY TO WITHSTAND RAINY, TROPICAL CONDITIONS WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. AS BOTH PRODUCTS ARE MADE IN U.S., THERE IS NO TRADE
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INTEREST IN CHOOSING ONE OVER ANOTHER. BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONTROVERSY ON OTHER TENDERS WHEN PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED HAVE BEEN OFFERED, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST BOARD TO MAKE RATIONAL DECISION IF POSSIBLE.
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